

Remarks

1. Claim rejections are moot

Claims 1-13, 15, 17-18, 20-22, 26-29 are cancelled and therefore claim rejections thereof are moot.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

The Final Office Action dated October 27, 2003 states that claims 16 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has re-written claims 16 and 19 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Accordingly, the objections are overcome and claims 16 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in the instant application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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